

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02125-CRC**

REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS  
v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Christopher R. Cooper  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/17/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/17/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6259911) filed by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>5</u> Summons for Defendant, # <u>6</u> Summons for U.S. Attorney, # <u>7</u> Summons for U.S. Attorney General)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Attachment 4 replaced on 7/18/2019) (zeg). (Entered: 07/17/2019)
07/18/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (zeg) (Entered: 07/18/2019)
07/18/2019	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zeg) (Entered: 07/18/2019)

07/29/2019	<u>3</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/23/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/22/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 7/23/2019, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 07/23/2019. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Main Document 3 replaced on 8/1/2019) (znmw). (Entered: 07/29/2019)
08/16/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 8/9/2019 (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Main Document 4 replaced on 8/19/2019) (ztd). Modified replace fillable document on 8/19/2019 (ztd). (Entered: 08/16/2019)
08/22/2019	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Evan Kahn on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Kahn, Matthew) (Entered: 08/22/2019)
08/22/2019	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Kahn, Matthew) (Entered: 08/22/2019)
08/23/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by 14 days from the order. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 08/23/2019. (lccrc3) (Entered: 08/23/2019)
08/23/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 9/6/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 08/23/2019)
08/28/2019	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Kahn, Matthew) (Entered: 08/28/2019)
09/03/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of <u>7</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties shall file a further joint status report by October 14, 2019 proposing a further schedule for production and, if applicable, briefing. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 09/03/2019. (lccrc3) (Entered: 09/03/2019)
09/04/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/14/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 09/04/2019)
10/15/2019	<u>8</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Jeremy S. Simon on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE Substituting for attorney Matthew Evan Kahn (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 10/15/2019)
10/15/2019	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 10/15/2019)
10/16/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall complete production, including the preparation of a <i>Vaughn</i> index, on or before January 15, 2020. It is further ORDERED that Defendant shall make rolling productions every 30 days, beginning November 15, 2019. The parties are directed to submit Joint Status Reports on November 25, 2019 and on January 25, 2020. The January 25th Report shall include a summary judgment briefing schedule, if necessary. So Ordered. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 10/16/2019. (lccrc3) (Entered: 10/16/2019)
10/16/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/25/2019. Joint Status Report and Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 1/25/2020. (lsj) (Entered: 10/16/2019)
11/24/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 11/24/2019)
11/26/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties file a further Joint Status Report on or before January 25, 2020, which shall include a summary judgment briefing schedule, if necessary. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 11/26/2019. (lccrc3) (Entered: 11/26/2019)
11/26/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/25/2020 (lsj) (Entered: 11/26/2019)